

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Specification to correct the continuation and priority information of the subject application. Applicants have canceled Claims 1-9 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled Claims in related applications. Applicants submit that no new matter is presented by these amendments and respectfully request entry of the same.

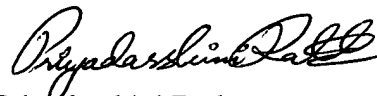
CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants believe that all pending claims are ready for examination. Examination of the subject application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 731-5000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Respectfully submitted,



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Limited Recognition under 37 CFR 10.9(b)

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